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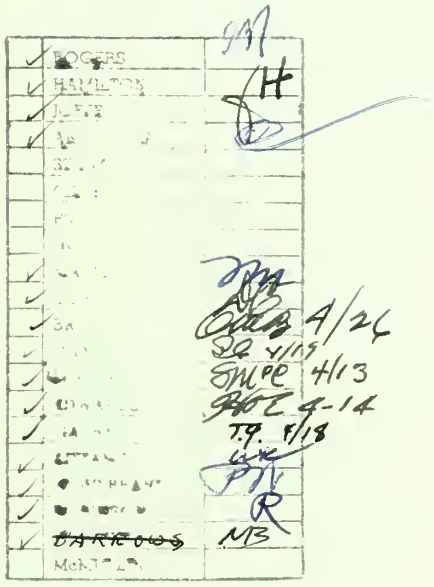

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INTERPRETIVE SERVICES:	Interpretive Development Outline. Geyserland movie shown radio station man. Herkenham talk to Gardiner PTA on Calif. Parks and to Gardiner School on Pacific States Parks. Condon programs to Livingston Chamber of Commerce & Gardiner Eagles dinner.	6
MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS:	Reviewed proof Jonas' beaver thesis. Blue birds, red-winged blackbirds & robins.	7
NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:	Herkenham acquainted with Assn. book sales. Bought 88 slides from Rocky Mtn. Nature Assn. Proof manuscript Turner reptile & amphibian reviewed, 4,000 to be printed. Getting supply O.F. story. Nature Notes.	7
IN-SERVICE TRAINING:	Staff meeting & presentation memory book to Wiggins. Weekly News. 7 in Mechanical Div. to Ignition School at Livingston. Herkenham orientation. Movie shown community on safe driving.	7-8
TRAVEL:	2046 in 614 cars, 2110 in 626 cars last March. 17 trips by Snowmobile.	8
RANGER SERVICE:	Elk trapping and ski and Weasel patrols.	8
WILDLIFE: ELK:	Trapping stopped 11th. 593 shipped for season, 21 turned loose as no request. Unsatisfactory hunting; 1356 total reduction. Need for direct control. Elk scattered. Kittams reports most in fair flesh; no major movements. 17 tagged when in traps, 1 previously tagged when lifted to hunting area in 1952.	8-9
BIGHORN:	Kittams' observations.	9
BISON:	Bison seen on patrols.	9
FISH:	Fishing regs. in Fed. Register; minor changes.	9
RANGE:	Kittams' observations, conditions above average. Kittams to range research conf., Bozeman.	9
FOREST FIRE PROTECTION:	Authority & offers to 5 fire control aids. Possible elimination some fire weather stations discussed. Nelson plotting past readings, revision Step-Up Plan.	10
BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION:	Extinguisher maintenance completed. Extinguisher inventory. New Mammoth Fire Personnel Organization.	10
BLISTER RUST:	Overhead personnel accept employment; impossible get laborers until Sec. approval for other employees. Info on funds delaying purchase pump & recruitment checkers.	10

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[illegible]	Smoke school. Safety school fields of fire. Church.	6
[illegible]	Inspection development [illegible]. Jaycees show show radio station [illegible]. Performance [illegible] on Call. Jaycees aid to Indian School on Pacific Beach Park. Junior programs to Lifeguard Clinic of Jaycees & Coastline Lifeguards Alumni.	5
[illegible]	Redwood proof house! Cancer threats. Blue birds, red-winged blackbirds & robins.	7
NATURAL HISTORY [illegible]:	Horseshoe crab [illegible] with [illegible]. Look [illegible]. Bugs [illegible] [illegible] from Long Ill. Nature Assn. Proof [illegible] project Turner republic [illegible] revisited, 4,000 [illegible] be planted. Setting supply C.F. story. Nature Notes.	7
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[illegible] FIRE [illegible]:	Extinguisher maintenance [illegible]. Extinguisher inventory. New Pacific Fire Personnel [illegible].	10
[illegible] [illegible]:	Overall personnel [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]. approval [illegible] [illegible]. Info on funds [illegible] purchase pump & [illegible] [illegible].	10

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FOREST INSECTS:	Spruce budworm discussed by Barrows & U.S.F.S. man at Missoula. May spray here. Check should be made worm broods from bark if funds will be available spray.	10-11
RANCH & CORRAL:	All horses & mules at Lamar; treatment for mange. Work on saddles & riding equipment at Lamar.	11
TRAILS & SIGNS:	New man on signs. Considerable sign work done.	11
ACCIDENTS:	2 vehicle accidents, 1 Class B in W. Yell. District.	11
DEATHS:	Russel Walquist, Manager Lake Lodge, died in Florida.	11
BIRTHS:	Daughter born to Thomas Schoders.	11
PERSONNEL:	Stitt to Sup. Park Ranger, Rocky Mtn. & Rohn to Sup. Park Ranger, Wind Cave. Budge from Badlands to Sup. Park Ranger here. Wm. Wiggins, Sanitation Officer, retired after some 40 years. Marjorie Proper seas. Clerk-Steno. Authority appoint seas. Rangers & Naturalists outside registers.	11-12
MISCELLANEOUS:	Pot-Luck Supper for Dr. Goulds. Sunday School Picnic. F.E.U. & A.F.G.E. meetings.	13

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The minimum temperature in the park during the month was -40° at West Entrance on March 5. On the same day Mammoth recorded -15°, South Entrance -36°, East Entrance -29°, Tower Fall -32°, Lamar Unit -26°, and Yellowstone Lake -35°. The maximum temperature was 55° at Tower Fall on March 29.

Eighty-miles-per-hour winds were reported at East Entrance on the 6th and 12th. A motor vehicle was turned over and other damage resulted just east of the park.

A comparison of snow depths for various locations in the park at the close of the month is listed as follows:

Location	1954	1955
Mammoth	8 inches	18 inches
Tower Fall	22 "	22 "
West Yellowstone	43 "	50 "
South Entrance	69 "	60 "
East Entrance	49 "	35 "
Northeast Entrance	51 "	28 "
Canyon	49 "	52 "
Lake	38 "	36 "
Norris	37 "	35 "

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Lower Fall	22	22 "
West Yellowstone	43 "	50 "
South Entrance	69 "	60 "
East Entrance	49 "	35 "
Northeast Entrance	51 "	48 "
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Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers continued on assignment in Denver on his legislative history project until March 13 when he left for Omaha to attend the Region Two Superintendents Meeting March 14-18. He returned to Denver the 19th and on the 22nd left with Mrs. Rogers on return to the park, arriving the following day.

Biologist Kittams attended a Big Game and Domestic Livestock Range Research Meeting at Montana State College, Bozeman, March 1 and 2. On the 18th he departed on military leave for two weeks training at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Denver, Colorado, but returned the 26th due to the serious illness of Mrs. Kittams.

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Concessioners. Dr. George Gould, resident physician, and his family departed March 3 for Kalispell, Montana, where he will enter private practice. Mrs. Dorothy Stovall, Nurse, arrived March 8 to handle the medical service until a successor for Dr. Gould can be obtained.

Huntley Child, Jr., Vice-President, Yellowstone Park Company, left March 7 for San Francisco to attend a meeting of the Western Conference of National Park Concessioners, continuing to La Jolla to confer with other Company officials and returning on the 18th. On the 31st he departed for Chicago to attend a Hotel Association Convention.

Fred J. Haller, Supervising Chef, Lodge Division, Yellowstone Park Company, arrived March 25 to make preparations for the 1955 season, departing on the 31st.

The Yellowstone Park Company repair shop at Gardiner, which was closed for the winter on December 17, was reopened March 1.

A supply of the Yellowstone Park Company "A" and "B" Folders for 1955 was received March 30.

Amendment No. 1 of the Yellowstone Park Company Schedule of Rates, covering telegraph service, was approved March 2 and Amendment No. 2 for cleaning and pressing service was approved on the 22nd.

The proposed Schedule of Rates for the Yellowstone Park Service Stations was approved March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Haynes were in the park March 25 from the Haynes Inc. winter headquarters at Bozeman, Montana.

The Annual Report of Haynes Inc. for the 1954 year ended December 31, 1954, was transmitted to the Washington and Region Two Offices on March 22. Their check in amount of $19,126.87 covering franchise fee for that period was received January 7, 1955, and turned over to our Fiscal Accounting Clerk (Cashier) for deposit to Miscellaneous Receipts.

Final plans for Addition to Haynes Inc. Old Faithful Shop Building were submitted March 21 and approved by the Superintendent. Plans for their Tower Fall Store Alterations were disapproved by the Washington Office.

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Concessioners. Dr. George Gould, resident physician, and his family departed March 3 for Kalispell, Montana, where he will enter private practice. Mrs. Dorothy Stovall, Nurse, arrived March 8 to handle the medical service until a successor for Dr. Gould can be obtained.

Huntley Child, Jr., Vice-President, Yellowstone Park Company, left March 7 for San Francisco to attend a meeting of the Western Conference of National Park Concessioners, continuing to be held to confer with other Company officials and returning on the 18th. On the 31st he departed for Chicago to attend a Hotel Association Convention.

Fred J. Miller, Supervising Chef, Lodge Division, Yellowstone Park Company, arrived March 25 to make preparations for the 1955 season, departing on the 31st.

The Yellowstone Park Company repair shop at Gardiner, which was closed for the winter on December 17, was reopened March 1.

A supply of the Yellowstone Park Company "A" and "B" Holders for 1955 was received March 30.

Amendment No. 1 of the Yellowstone Park Company Schedule of Rates, covering telegraph service, was approved March 2 and Amendment No. 2 for cleaning and pressing service was approved on the 22nd.

The proposed Schedule of Rates for the Yellowstone Park Service Stations was approved March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Haynes were in the park March 25 from the Haynes Inc. winter headquarters at Bozeman, Montana.

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The regular Church Services were held in the Yellowstone Chapel each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m., with student minister William Henning presiding at all of the services.

Interpretive Services. The Interpretive Development Outline for Yellowstone Park was carefully reviewed, edited and retyped during the month.

The movie "Geyserland" was projected in the Museum basement on March 22 for a man from radio station KOOK, Billings, Montana, who operates the Highway Courtesy Broadcast car.

Park Naturalist Herkenham presented a talk to the Gardiner P.T.A. on the National Parks of California on the evening of March 21, and had an audience of 41 persons. He presented a talk on the National Parks of the Pacific States to the grades 5-8 at the Gardiner School the morning of the 24th with 50 students in attendance.

Chief Park Naturalist Condon presented a program to the Livingston Junior Chamber of Commerce on the evening of March 9 with 39 members present. On the evening of March 19, he presented a program to the Gardiner Eagles Dinner, with 156 people present. The movie "Geyserland" was used to illustrate the talks at both of these programs.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. On March 3 a collection of plants made by President Arthur on his tour through Yellowstone was received from Idaho State College, where Dr. Ray Davis had mounted them for the Yellowstone Park Museum. These specimens were accessioned and placed in storage on March 28.

On March 24, the Chief Park Naturalist conferred with Landscape Architect Mattson on the Wayside Exhibits which are to be installed along the road from Firehole Cascade to Biscuit Basin. Five exhibits are suggested for this stretch of road: The Nez Perce Story - at Nez Perce Creek, The Geology of the Fountain Paint Pots Area - at Fountain Paint Pots, What To See in the Midway Geyser Basin - at the Midway Geyser Basin parking area, The Geology and Geography of the Midway Geyser Basin - as seen from the Midway Geyser Basin, and What To See in the Biscuit Basin - The Phenomenon of the Eruption of Sapphire Pool.

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Research and Observation. The proof of the General Discussion and the Summary of Park Ranger Naturalist Robert Jonas' thesis on the beaver study, which he has been making the past two years, was reviewed, and comments on it were returned to Mr. Jonas. He will receive his Masters Degree in Zoology from the University of Idaho in Moscow this spring.

On March 31 the western blue birds had returned to the Mammoth area and red-winged blackbirds had arrived. Robins were seen earlier in the month, but at the close of the month had apparently moved to a lower elevation.

Natural History Association. The Chief Park Naturalist spent considerable time going over the publications sold and the procedure used for handling the public sale of books of the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association with Park Naturalist Herkenham. Mr. Herkenham will handle the sales activities of the Association with respect to public sales.

The Association purchased 88 duplicate kodaslides from the Rocky Mountain Nature Association. These were ordered on a sight-unseen basis and proved to be somewhat of a disappointment.

The manuscript of Fred Turner's Reptiles and Amphibians is being prepared by Edwards Bros., Lithoprinters. The proof of this publication was received on March 30 and is in the process of review at the month's close. Four thousand of the pamphlet will be printed. Edwards Bros., Lithoprinters, is also printing 10,000 copies of The Story of Old Faithful Geyser by George Marler.

The January-February issue of Yellowstone Nature Notes was completed during the month, multilithed, assembled, and 416 copies placed in the mail and 66 distributed locally.

Mrs. Alice Quist returned to active duty as clerk of the Association and has worked 48 hours in March.

In-Service Training. A general staff meeting was held in the conference room on March 31 and a "Book of Memories" presented to William Wiggins upon his retirement as Sanitation Officer.

Yellowstone's Weekly News was issued each Thursday to keep employees, concessioners and others informed of park happenings.

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Increase or Decrease in Travel. A total of 2,046 people entered the park in 614 vehicles as compared with 2,110 people in 626 vehicles during March of last year. Of this total, 118 visitors entered the park in over-the-snow vehicles at West Yellowstone, and 21 more entered at South to observe Old Faithful and other winter scenes within the park. A total of 12 visitors made short snowshoe trips into the park from the East Entrance.

The "Snowmobiles of West Yellowstone" made 17 trips into the park during the month of March, 10 of which were to Old Faithful and 7 for short distances into the park. The trips to Old Faithful included 16 local residents and 44 outside visitors while 15 of each made the short trips. These snowmobiles started operating in the park on January 17 and to the end of March had made 54 trips with 368 passengers. Thirty-five of these trips with 81 local residents and 174 outside visitors were made to Old Faithful. Nineteen trips with 29 local residents and 79 outside visitors were made to points short of Old Faithful. Fees charged for trips to Old Faithful were $15 for adults, half fare for children. Local residents were charged approximately half price. Trips to Old Faithful involved about 5 hours but when travel conditions were unfavorable the trips required as much as 9 hours. Visitors usually saw at least one eruption of Old Faithful Geyser.

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BIGHORN. Animals observed by Biologist Kittams on Coal Mine Flat on March 17 included 6 ewes, 2 yearling ewes, 6 lambs and one male probably two years old. The female with the infection over the left eye was thin and apparently could see only with the right eye. All other sheep were in fairly good flesh. One lamb coughed occasionally.

BISON. District Rangers Way and Ela counted bison as follows: while on patrol in the area near Lake: 326 in Pelican Valley March 17, 20 near Mary Bay March 20, and 307 in Hayden Valley March 26. These counts were of animals seen on the three days and does not represent the total population in the areas observed.

FISHING REGULATIONS. The special Regulations Governing Fishing in Yellowstone National Park were published in the March 25 issue of the Federal Register as recommended and are the same as for 1954 except for minor changes clarifying the descriptions of those portions of the Gardner River and Glen Creek closed to fishing.

Range. Biologist Kittams observed snowdepths over the northern Yellowstone range increased during March when 1.71 inches of precipitation, slightly above the normal of 1.59 inches, fell at Mammoth. Temperatures were below normal until March 28 when the warm spell began. Snow gradually crusted due to wind and thawing and freezing during the month; however, not until late in March did it harden so much that grazing animals were forced to feed almost entirely on snow-free sectors. As is usual at this time of year, available forage is very limited, but considering the entire winter season, foraging conditions have been much above average.

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Forest Fire Protection. Authority to hire five fire control aids was secured from the Department of the Interior. Offers were made to five veterans.

A conference was held by Assistant Chief Ranger Chapman, Forester Barrows and Dispatcher Nelson in which the effectiveness of the various fire weather stations and the possible elimination of the Bechler River and Old Faithful stations were discussed. Later in the month while Mr. Barrows was at Missoula, Mike Hardy of the Forest Service Fire Laboratory strongly recommended that these stations be retained.

Dispatcher Nelson spent considerable time plotting comparative reading from past weather records using Fire Weather Meters, Models 6 and 8. This is necessary in order that we can revise the Step-up Plan to work with the new Model 8 meter.

Building Fire Protection. Extinguisher maintenance was completed in the Mammoth Area. The fire extinguisher inventory for the current year was completed.

A revised Building Fire Personnel Organization for the Mammoth Village Fire Department was designated by a circular issued March 9, with William S. Chapman, Fire Chief, and Robert R. Robinson, Maynard B. Barrows, Dan S. Nelson, Stanley McComas and Harold O. Edwards, Assistant Fire Chiefs and Acting Fire Chiefs in the order named, and listing the Captain, Lieutenant and members of each of the seven crews, Traffic Control and Law Enforcement, Rescue and First Aid, Fire Engine, Ladder, Salvage, Water Supply, and Electrical.

Blister Rust Control. Overhead personnel for the Yellowstone blister rust control crew have accepted employment but it is not possible to recruit laborers as yet because Secretarial approval has not been obtained for road, trail and other park employees. Information regarding funds for spring control and surveys has not been received which is delaying purchase of power pump and recruitment of checkers.

Forest Insects. The spruce budworm project was discussed by Forester Barrows and Phil Johnson, Forest Service, at Missoula on March 28. Unofficial information indicates the bill appropriating funds has been reported out by the House Committee with the following project priority: 1. Oregon, 2. Idaho, 3. New Mexico, and 4. Montana. Mr. Johnson thought the possibility of undertaking control in Yellowstone Park was good if funds are appropriated for the large project. However, he doubts that control will be recommended on the Gallatin National Forest adjacent to the park as the largest private land owner, the Northern Pacific Railroad, is not ready to contribute to control costs.

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A check of budworm broods should be made from bark samples during April and Mr. Johnson has an entomologist lined up for employment on the Yellowstone project if funds are appropriated. Until there is definite indication that funds will be available he does not intend to make the brood studies. It is estimated that six days of flying with two Fords and a DC-3 will be necessary to treat the Yellowstone area. Chemical would be stored at Livingston where the planes would refuel after each flight.

Trails and Trail Signs. Roger Contor entered on duty as a Trail Maintenanceman on March 14 and was assigned to the trail sign shop. Since that time the shop has operated full time and to date approximately 350 trail and administrative signs have been designed and partially completed.

Ranch and Corral Operations. The two horses which had been stationed at North Gate were moved to the Lamar Unit on March 8. The entire horse and mule herd is now at Lamar. Mange has been very prevalent in the herd. All the mules and most of the horses required treatment during the winter. It is planned to spray all the horses and mules as soon as the weather warms up as a control measure for mange.

Saddles and riding equipment have been readied for summer use by personnel at Lamar Unit. The equipment is now in very good condition.

Accidents and Public Safety. Two motor vehicle accidents were reported. One was a Class Minor and the other a Class B. The Class B accident occurred in the West Yellowstone District on U. S.191 and involved a passenger vehicle and a State of Montana snowplow. Two persons were injured in this accident. Both victims were given first aid at West Yellowstone and then taken to the hospital at Ashton, Idaho.

Deaths. Russel Walquist, who has been Manager of Lake Lodge for the past several years and was to have served in the same capacity the coming season, died of a heart attack at Lake Wales, Florida, on March 28.

Births. A daughter, Ann Marie, was born to Park Ranger and Mrs. Thomas H. Schoder at the Park Hospital in Livingston on March 16.

Personnel. Advice was received March 23 that Merle E. Stitt, Park Ranger, GS-5, was selected for the position of Supervisory Park Ranger, GS-6, Rocky Mountain National Park, to be effective about April 10.

On the 24th advice was received that John F. Rohn, Jr., Park Ranger, GS-5, was selected as Supervisory Park Ranger, GS-6, Wind

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Cave National Park. He will report in early May following his assignment in the Washington Office at the Sixth Departmental Management Training Conference.

Charles A. Budge, Park Ranger, GS-5, Badlands National Monument, was selected March 29 for transfer and promotion to Supervisory Park Ranger, GS-6, Yellowstone. He expects to enter on duty here about April 18.

William Wiggins, Sanitation Officer, GS-9, retired (optionally) at the close of March 31 at the age of 65 following some 40 years of Government service practically all of which was in Yellowstone National Park. He was born July 30, 1889, at Warren Point, Ireland, and first came to the park with the U. S. Army, being discharged at Fort Yellowstone as a Corporal September 30, 1916, when the park was still under the Army regime. Shortly after the National Park Service was created on August 25, 1916, and following discharge from the Army he was employed as a plumber. Following a second enlistment in the Army December 1917 to December 1918 he was reemployed by the National Park Service as a park ranger and on August 1, 1919, changed to plumber, being promoted to master plumber July 1, 1921, and to sanitation officer June 18, 1948. He was married to Mary Stermitz of Cokedale, Montana, October 27, 1917, and they have one daughter, Mrs. Edward Link, living at Gardiner. He was the recipient on November 5, 1953, of a Certificate of Honor Award and Citation for Meritorious Service for long and outstanding service in operating the sanitary facilities in Yellowstone, one of the first two Yellowstone employees to receive this while still actively engaged in the performance of their work. On March 31 he was presented with a "Book of Memories" containing pictures covering long association with the park and letters from old friends and associates. Members of his own division had previously presented him with a wrist watch and he and Mrs. Wiggins will be the recipients of a television set from their many friends and long associates. He and Mrs. Wiggins have moved to Bozeman, Montana, where he will be employed as office manager of the Savage Plumbing and Heating Service.

Mrs. Marjorie C. Proper entered on duty March 7 as seasonal Clerk-Stenographer, GS-3.

Civil Service Commission authority was received March 25 for appointment of seasonal Park Rangers and Ranger Naturalists, GS-4, under Schedule A, eliminating the necessity of selection from Civil Service registers. The authority appeared in the March 29 issue of the Federal Register received April 1.

Miscellaneous. A Pot-Luck Supper was held in the Canteen the evening of March 2 for Dr. George Gould and family prior to their departure for Kalispell, Montana, where he is entering in private practice.

The Yellowstone Park Sunday School held its Annual Picnic at Lamar Unit on March 5.

On March 7 the regular monthly meeting of Federal Employees Union No. 465 was held in the Canteen.

The American Federation of Government Employees held its monthly meeting in the Canteen on March 14.

Edmund B. Rogers
Superintendent

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